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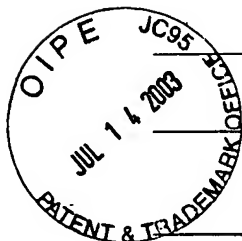
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Our Case No. 659/793

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael A. Schmidt et al.

Serial No. 10/027,467

Filing Date: December 20, 2001

For AUTOMATIC SHEET THREADING
AND CUTTING DEVICE AND
METHOD

Examiner Ghassem, Alie

Group Art Unit No. 3724

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2003. In response to the Restriction requirement Applicants elect Group I, corresponding to claims 1-25. In response to the requirement for Election of Species, Applicants elect Species III,